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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:	Patent Application of Kordosky, et al.	: Group Art Unit: 1742
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**REPLY UNDER RULE 111****WITH AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 115**

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2004, in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed as a Petition for a two month extension of time, up to and including Monday, May 23, 2005 (May 21 falling on a Saturday), including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

Please amend the claims as requested below.